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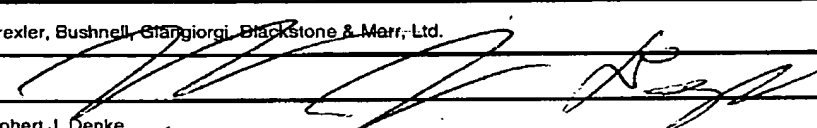
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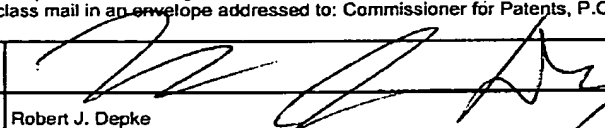
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In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, mailed March 3, 2006, Applicants are resubmitting the amendments to the claims faxed on December 27, 2005, with the requested correction. Namely, Applicants now show claim 2 as being currently amended.

Applicants submit that these changes place the amendment in full compliance with all requirements. Should the Examiner believe a fee is required, the United States Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized and requested to charge the fee to deposit account number 20-1495.

Respectfully submitted,

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In response to the Office Action of September 30, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.